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taken at various forums viz. Block Level/State Level/District Level Consultative Committee/State Level Bankers' Committee.

Seizure of pirated CDs

3156. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in "The Pioneer" dated the 10th July, 2000, under the caption 'Pak flooding India with pirated CDs, Cassettes';

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the number of pirated CDs seized from a shop in Palika Bazar, New Delhi; and

(c) what action Government have taken to check the smuggling of C.D. from that country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No seizure of pirated CDs has been made either by the officers of the Customs Department or by Delhi Police, as reported in the News-item referred to in (a) above.

(c) All the field formations of the Customs Department including the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are ever vigilant and on alert to detect and prevent smuggling of contraband goods including pirated CDs and cassettes.

Entry of Cooperative Banks into Insurance Sector

3157. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from co-operative banks to enter into insurance business;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would give any priority to co-operative sector in their entry for insurance business; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.